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SUBJ: TRADE COMPLAINT: MICHEL I. WARDE VS. RIVIANA  
INTERNATIONAL INC.

REF: (A) BEIRUT 392 OF 1/11/74 AND (B) COMMERCE MEMO  
OF 2/1/74

1. FILE CONTAINING RESUME OF WARDE COMPLAINT AGAINST RIVIANA HAS BEEN GIVE TO EMBASSY BY MINISTRY OF FOREING AFFAIRS. NOTE FROM MINISTRY TRANSMITTING FILE INDICATES SUBSTANCE OF WARDE'S COMPLAINT AS BEING A) NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CONTRACT CONCERING PRICE, B) SHIPMENT OF MERCHANDISE OF INFERIOR QUALITY AND NOT IN ACCORD WITH SPECIFICATIONS AGREED UPON, AND C) WITH THE AID OF FALSE DOCUMENTS, HAVING TAKEN PAYMENT WITHOUT SHIPMENT OF MERCHANDISE.
2. ESSENCE OF WARDE'S POSITION AS CONTAINED IN TWO LETTERS TO A FIXED PRICE FOR A PREDETERMINED PERIOD OF TIME, AND FOR A CERTAIN QUANTITY, AND THAT NEITHER PARTY HAS THE RIGHT TO "IMPOSE A NEW PRICE USING A RISE OR FALL OF THE MARKET PRICE AS A REASON". WARDE ALSO MAINTAINS THAT THE LAST INFERIOR QUALITY AND THAT THE COMPANY REFUSES TO APPRECIATE THE PROBLEM OF DISPOSING OF THIS SHIPMENT.
3. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERVENTION IN THIS MATTER NOW MAKES IT EVEN MORE IMPERATIVE THAN EVER THAT THIS DISPUTE BE SETTLED. FOR USDOC'S INFO, WARDE HAS ALREADY SUGGESTED THE SERVICES OF OUTSIDE ARBITRATORS TO RIVIANA BUT GOTTEN UNCLASSIFIED

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NO RESPONSE.

4. SUGGEST COMMERCE CONSULT WITH DONALD NOVOTNY OF FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WHO WAS APPRISED OF STATUS OF DISPUTE AT TIME OF REFTEL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMERCE CONTACTING RIVIANA AGAIN AND IPRESSING UPON THEM THE NEED TO BRING THIS DISPUTE TO A SPEEDY CONCLUSION.  
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